

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

22 AUGUST 1961
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Berlin developments

- a) East Germany continues efforts to seal off the East-West Berlin sector border and to reduce contacts between West and East Berliners;
- b) No significant development in status of Soviet or East German forces in and around the city;
- c) The East German people are still irritated and depressed by the seal-off; 50X1
- d) The party youth organization's drive for army recruits in at least one important district has been unsuccessful; 50X1
- e) French measures to strengthen military forces in Germany and eastern France include increasing the Berlin garrison, bringing the six brigades in West Germany to full strength 50X1

- f) The US Mission in Berlin reports that there are no disturbing developments in the West Berlin economy; consumer buying has by no means approached panic proportions and there have been no abnormalities in bank deposits or transfer of funds. 50X1

2. Recent irregularities
in Soviet petroleum
deliveries abroad

[redacted] Communist China, 50X1
Afghanistan, Guinea and the UAR are
having trouble with deliveries of
Soviet petroleum. Deliveries to
other recipients are proceeding on
schedule [redacted] 50X1
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[redacted] We believe the USSR has sufficient
petroleum resources to meet both
domestic and export requirements. 50X1
An increase in deliveries to Soviet
military forces or to national stock-
piles may be behind these abnormalities 50X1
but we have no direct evidence that
this is the case. [redacted] 50X1
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3. Argentine-Cuban
relations

[redacted] Che Guevara's talk with Frondizi last
week, which evoked sharp protests from
the Argentine military, apparently was
another gambit in Havana's campaign to
show its "reasonable" position and to
head off proposals for collective inter- 50X1
American action on the Cuban problem.
Guevara's line closely paralleled
that taken by Fidel Castro in his
earlier conversation with Colombian
Foreign Minister Turbay (who was
aboard the hijacked Pan-Am airliner).
Frondizi and Turbay have been active
in discussions on collective action
against the Castro regime.
Frondizi seems to have weathered the
crisis with the military brought on by
his meeting with Guevara. (State cable)

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| A. President Quadros was sufficiently concerned over the protests arising from his award of the medal to Guevara that he returned to Rio from Brazilia for a series of meetings with the leaders of the protest movement. [REDACTED] | 50X1
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| B. We have just learned that Yugoslavia signed an agreement with Brazil on 27 July to deliver \$51,000,000 worth of goods for the depressed northeast area of Brazil. Thus far we have no details on the types of goods or the financing arrangements. [REDACTED] | 50X1
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| C. Shelepin, chief of the Soviet Committee for State Security, may be quietly visiting East Berlin to survey methods of closing escape routes to the West. [REDACTED] | 50X1
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| D. In the British Guiana elections votes have been counted in 27 of the 35 constituencies. Cheddi Jagan's party has won 16 seats, Burnham's party 9 and the United Force 2. Jagan is virtually certain of winning a majority in the new legislature. [REDACTED] | 50X1 |

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